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Timothy Q. Purdon Sworn In as United States Attorney for North Dakota

Fargo - Timothy Q. Purdon was sworn in as North Dakota's 18th Presidentially appointed United States Attorney on Tuesday, August 24, 2010, by United States District Court Judge Daniel L. Hovland in chambers at the William Guy Federal Building in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Purdon will replace Lynn Jordheim who has been the Acting United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota since September 13, 2009, following the resignation of Drew Wrigley, who had been United States Attorney for North Dakota since 2001.

In Bismarck, Purdon said, "I want to thank Lynn Jordheim who has done an extraordinary job as Acting United States Attorney. Lynn is a dedicated public servant and the people of North Dakota have been well-served by his stewardship of this office for the past 11 months. I am looking forward to working with Lynn and the rest of the lawyers and staff in the North Dakota United States Attorney's Office."

Purdon has been a partner at the Vogel Law Firm in Bismarck since 2005. Prior to joining Vogel, Purdon spent nine years as a member of the Bismarck firm of Dickson &

Purdon, becoming a partner in 2001. From 1995 through 1996 he was an associate with the Bismarck firm of Olson & Cichy. From 1994 to 1995, Purdon served as a law clerk for the Honorable Bruce M. Van Sickle of the United States District Court for the District of North Dakota.

Purdon was born in Oakes, North Dakota, and graduated from high school in Ashby, Minnesota. He is a 1989 graduate of North Dakota State College of Science, a 1991 summa cum laude graduate of Moorhead State University, and a 1994 cum laude graduate of Hamline University School of Law.

The North Dakota United States Attorney's office is currently staffed with 17 Assistant United States Attorneys and 32 support staff with offices in Fargo and Bismarck.

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